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Applicants direct the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document (except U.S. patent documents) is attached.

Documents AA, AB and AF were cited in a European Search Report for the corresponding European Patent Application. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed. Also, Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-108840, which was also cited in the Search Report, had already been filed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 2, 2003.

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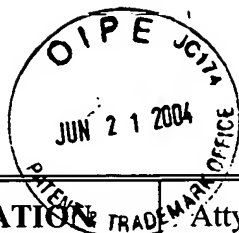
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